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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2002.

Restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of delaying the onset and treating skin aging.
- II. Claims 6-12, drawn to a method for treating and preventing acne in a patient.

The Applicants hereby elect Group II for prosecution on the merits. As such, Applicants hereby withdraw from prosecution the claims directed to Group I, without prejudice, and reserve the right to file a Divisional application(s) to the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmittal of a Response to a Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is a response relating to the above-identified patent application.

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